MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

'That the Madras Occupants of Kudiyiruppu (Protection from Eviction) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1961), as passed by the Assembly, be passed.'

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

(3) THE MADRAS PANCHAYATS (EXTENSION TO TRANSFERRED TERRITORY) AND PANCHAYAT UNION COUNCILS (SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR FIRST CONSTITUTION) AMENDMENT BILL, 1961 (L.A. BILL NO. 32 OF 1961).

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move—

'That the Madras Panchayats (Extension to Transferred Territory) and Panchayat Union Councils (Special Provisions for First Constitution) Amendment Bill[a] 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 32 of 1961), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration'.

Hon. Members are aware that the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958, already provides for the application of the Act to the territory transferred from the former Travancore-Cochin State to the Madras State, that is, the Kanyakumari district and the Shencottah taluk of the Tirunelveli district and for the repeal of the provisions of the Travancore-Cochin Panchayats Act, 1950, as in force in the said territory.

The areas in the said transferred territory have already been delimited as Development Blocks for the purposes of the National Extension Service Scheme of Community Development. It is found necessary and desirable to make certain special provisions for the functioning of the existing panchayats without radical changes and to bring into existence not later than the 2nd day of October 1961. Panchayat Union Councils without following the elaborate procedure laid down in the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958.

It is proposed to continue the existing levy of cess on land in the said territory (until the Government otherwise direct by notification) *in lieu* of levy of local cess provided for in the Act and to exclude from the operation till then in the said territory the provisions of the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958, regarding the payment of Land Revenue Assignment and Local Cess Surcharge Matching Grant. It is also proposed to continue the existing system of management of Elementary Schools in the said territory and exclude from operation the provisions of the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958, regarding the payment of Local Education Grant and maintenance of Panchayat Union (Education) Fund. It is further proposed to classify all the existing panchayats in the said

a Printed as Appendix II on pages 454–464 infra.

territory as town panchayats except for purposes of payment of Village House Tax Matching Grant under section 132 of the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958.

It is also proposed to amend the Madras Panchayat Union Councils (Special Provision for First Constitution) Act, 1960, so as to remove certain practical difficulties noticed in the working of the Act by providing that the presidents of panchayats and the chairmen of township committees for the time being in the Panchayat Union shall be members of Panchayat Union Councils concerned and taking power to appoint in specified cases, all the members of the Panchayats and the Township Committees in the Panchayat Union as members of the Panchayat Union Council.

The Bill was placed before the Kanyakumari District Development Council and the Tirunelveli District Development Council and the Councils have given general approval of the proposals contained in the Bill.

I, therefore, move—

"That the Madras Panchayats (Extension to Transferred Territory) and Panchayat Union Councils (Special Provisions for First Constitution) Amendment Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 32 of 1961, as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration".

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

"That the Madras Panchayats (Extension to Transferred Territory) and Panchayat Union Councils (Special Provisions for First Constitution) Amendment Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 32 of 1961), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2 to 7 were put and carried.

Schedules I and II were put and carried.

Clause I and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

"That the Madras Panchayats (Extension to Transferred Territory) and Panchayat Union Councils (Special Provisions for First Constitution) Amendment Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 32 of 1961), as passed by the Assembly , be passed."

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MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

"That the Madras Panchayats (Extension to Transferred Territory) and Panchayat Union Councils (Special Provisions for First Constitution) Amendment Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 32 of 1961), passed by the Assembly, be passed."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

(4) THE MADRAS DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS AND PANCHAYATS (EXTENSION TO ADDED TERRITORY) BILL, 1961 (L.A. BILL NO. 33 OF 1961).

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move—

'That the Madras District Development Councils and Panchayats (Extension to Added Territory) Bill,[a] 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 33 of 1961), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration.'

The Bill which is before the House is simple and non-controversial. It is proposed to extend the provisions of the Madras District Development Councils Act, 1958, to the areas added to the State by the Madras and Andhra Pradesh (Alteration of Boundaries) Act, 1959, so that the portions of the territory added to the Chingleput and North Arcot districts might respectively form parts of the Chingleput Development District and the North Vellore Development District.

It is also proposed to extend the provisions of the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958, to the said territory. The areas in the said added territory have already been delimited as Development blocks for the purposes of the National Extension Service Scheme of Community Development. It is proposed to bring into existence Panchayat Union Councils for each of the said Blocks without following the elaborate procedure laid down in the Act with effect from the appointed day which will be 2nd October 1961, the date from which the third batch of panchayat union councils will be inagurated in the rest of the State. It is also proposed to include in the existing panchayat unions of the State certain villages in the said added territory which are contiguous to the said panchayat unions.

The draft Bill which was placed before the Chingleput and North Vellore District Development Councils has been generally approved by the Councils.

I, therefore, move—

"That the Madras District Development Councils and Panchayats (Extension to Added Territory) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 33 of 1961) as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration."

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 465-476 infra.